

# Logistics

## Lodging

Forum attendees are responsible for their own travel and lodging unless alternate arrangements have been made. There are two hotels near the EPA Region 7 office building. The Best Western is about a half-mile away, but has a shuttle service to the EPA building. The Hilton is right across the street from the EPA building. Room rates for both hotels include hot and cold breakfast items. The government rates and phone numbers for the hotels are:

### **Best Western-913.677.3060**

501 Southwest Blvd, KC KS  
Single Room: \$69 plus tax  
Double Room: \$79 plus tax

### **Hilton-800.445.8667**

520 Minnesota Ave., KC KS  
All Rooms: \$91 plus tax

## Directions

The EPA Region 7 office is located in Kansas City, KS, right across the river from western KC MO. From Kansas City, Missouri, take Interstate 70 west and cross the Missouri River bridge into the state of Kansas. After crossing the bridge, look for exit number 423C. Take exit 423C (US 24-Minnesota Ave.) toward Washington Blvd. Go straight onto US 24, and take the Minnesota Avenue ramp. Go straight on Minnesota Avenue and turn left onto North 5th St.

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# U.S. EPA Onsite Wastewater Systems Forum

## U.S. EPA Region 7

**September 26–27, 2006**

Conference Room 2240  
US EPA Regional Office  
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# Forum

# Onsite Wastewater

# Systems Forum

## Moving toward successful decentralized wastewater management

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Wastewater Management and U.S. EPA Region 7 are sponsoring a forum for state and local regulators to promote the development of decentralized wastewater management programs.

### Why management forums?

Decentralized systems are used in 23 percent of U.S. homes and are permanent components of our nation's wastewater infrastructure. Although some management programs are effective, many programs that regulate decentralized systems are inadequate to ensure proper performance. U.S. census data show problems in 10 percent of all systems—systems backing up into homes or wastewater emerging at the ground surface. Improved management programs are needed to enhance the performance and reliability of decentralized wastewater treatment systems.

U.S. EPA published *Voluntary Guidelines for Management of Onsite and Clustered (Decentralized) Wastewater Treatment Systems* on March 28, 2003. The *Guidelines* are intended to provide national guidance for development of comprehensive management programs across the United States.

The release of the *Guidelines* provides an important opportunity to promote better performance of decentralized systems through a structured, comprehensive program of management. Encouraging the thousands of jurisdictions that need stronger management programs to accept the *Guidelines* will require considerable effort. The Regional Forum provides an opportunity for professionals from interrelated programs to meet and share concerns and ideas, including issues such as development and implementation of management programs depending on types of systems and discharges, overlapping authorities, funding, and compliance.

### What will be covered?

The forums will provide a venue to:

- Familiarize attendees with the EPA *Guidelines*.
- Discuss regional water quality issues associated with decentralized systems.
- Discuss and lay the groundwork for effective coordination within U.S. EPA.
- Promote adoption and implementation of improved management concepts.
- Identify and discuss funding opportunities.
- Discuss other topics of interest to attendees.

### Who should attend?

Staff from state, tribal, and county health departments, water resource agencies, and other public agencies that regulate decentralized wastewater systems should attend this forum. The diverse nature of decentralized wastewater treatment systems places them under overlapping regulatory programs, and their discharges can potentially affect all water resources.



## Forum Agenda

### Tuesday, September 26th

#### Morning Session: EPA Regional Office Staff

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|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:00 am    | Welcome, Purpose of Meeting and Expectations              |
| 8:20 am    | EPA's Decentralized Wastewater Strategy                   |
| 8:40 am    | Centralized and Decentralized Treatment                   |
| 9:10 am    | EPA Regional Programs: Involvement and Issues             |
| 10:00 am   | Break—State, Local, and University Representatives Arrive |
| 10:15 am   | Welcome to State, Local, and University Attendees         |
| 10:30 am   | EPA's Decentralized Management Guidelines                 |
| 11:00 am   | Funding System Installation and Management                |
| 12:00 noon | Lunch (On Your Own)                                       |

#### Afternoon Session: State, County, City and EPA Regional Staff

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| 1:00 pm | Decentralized Management: Status of the States                       |
| 2:15 pm | Break                                                                |
| 2:30 pm | Decentralized Mgmt: Status of the States (Cont.)                     |
| 3:45 pm | Design, Installation, and Inspection Approaches in Region VII States |
| 4:45 pm | Break                                                                |
| 5:00 pm | Case Study on System Technology/Management                           |
| 5:30 pm | Funding System Installation and Management                           |
| 6:30 pm | Adjourn for the Day                                                  |

### Wednesday, September 27th

#### All Sessions: State, County, City and EPA Regional Staff

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| 8:30 am    | Recap and Questions from First Day              |
| 9:00 am    | Cluster Systems: Collection, Treatment, & Mgmt. |
| 10:15 am   | Break                                           |
| 10:30 am   | Case Study on System Technology/Management      |
| 11:15 am   | Wastewater Management: The Local Perspective    |
| 12:00 noon | Lunch—On Your Own                               |
| 1:00 pm    | Building Capacity: Training for Practitioners   |
| 2:15 pm    | Break                                           |
| 2:30 pm    | Discussion of Common State – EPA Issues         |
| 3:45 pm    | Next Steps: Building Momentum and Progress      |
| 4:15 pm    | Adjourn                                         |